DINNER & RALLY FOR A RED-GREEN PAPER

to celebrate 20 years of Direct Action and to promote a proposal for a New Broad Paper of the Left

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PROPOSAL FOR A NEW BROAD PAPER OF THE LEFT

Our proposal for a new broad paper of the left was initially put forward by members of the Democratic Socialist Party, who approached a range of left activists to gauge what support there might be for such a project. The response has been extremely favourable and those who have already recognised the need for such a paper and have agreed to participate are now discussing the next steps within a broader framework.

The need for such a broad new paper of the left arises from the political situation affecting everyone interested in alternative politics, namely: the weakness and decline of the socialist movement in the west; the crisis of bureaucratic socialism - Stalinism; the ecological crisis and the emergence of the green movement; the development, which challenges us all, at the first stage problems (essentially in the form in which they have emerged), but they provide real opportunities for developing a new movement seeking fundamental social change.

This proposal for a new paper also responds to the political needs that many of us have recognised during the last ten years. Throughout the 1970's there have been several initiatives which have pursued a process of socialist renewal and rethinking, with a number of attempts to regroup the socialist forces into a broader organisational framework, whether this has taken the form of socialist units in a new left party or a broader red-green of green formation.

Many who have responded to this proposal have participated in such unity attempts in the past or have participated in organisations like the Rainbow Alliance, the New Labour Movement in WA, or the Alliance.

Renewal is an ongoing need, and the effort should be continued. While as yet a new and clear organisational framework has been created, the necessary search by the left and progressive movements to break out of their isolation remains. A new broad paper, in the initial stage of discussion, is a welcome opportunity to reach out to the new streams of the environmental crisis and the end of Stalinism.

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THE RAINBOW PAPER is a Network of activists who have been involved in efforts to set up a new paper. It is supported by the Rainbow Alliance, a group of left activists who have been involved in the Rainbow project.

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